

Shuswap Watershed Conference
April 23, 2010, 1pm to 11pm
Salmon Arm Secondary – Sullivan Campus

This conference is free thanks to the sponsorship of the Salmon Arm Savings and Credit Union and Shuswap-North Okanagan School District #83

DRAFT AGENDA

1:00-2:30 pm - Poster Session

2:30 pm – Welcoming address by a local First Nation leader, followed by a welcome from Salmon Arm Mayor Marty Bootsma

2:40 – 2:45 - Brief talk by Jim Cooperman about the Shuswap Watershed Project

2:45 – 3:15 - Essay contest winners read their essays, hosted by Kim Fulton, Shuswap Watershed Project Education Coordinator

3:15 – 3:20 - Mayor Marty Bootsma will talk about the work of the Fraser Basin Council

3:20 – 3:50 - Keynote speech by Craig Orr, Exec Director of the Watershed Watch Salmon Society, titled “Water, salmon and resilience: maintaining healthy watersheds in the face of climate change” followed by Michelle Walsh, with the Secwepemc Fisheries Commission, who will talk about their work on the connection between groundwater and salmon.

3:50 – 4:00 - A song by Old Man’s Beard guitarist Jesse Cooke and short break

4:00 – 4:05 - Hiking, biking, canoeing and kayaking the Shuswap to experience the watershed first hand by Shuswap Trail Alliance Executive Director Phil McIntyre-Paul

4:05 – 5:30 - Panel discussion "What needs to be done to best protect, preserve and restore the watershed?" Five minute talk by each panelist, followed by a question period (using written questions submitted by conference participants and allowing for discussion between panelists)

Panelists:

Carol Danyluk, Environmental Protection Officer, Ministry of Environment
Bruce Runciman, Habitat Management Biologist, Department of Fisheries and Oceans
Jan Thingsted, Planner, Columbia-Shuswap Regional District
Kimm Magill-Hofmann, Forest Technician, Ministry of Forests and Range
King Campbell, Agricultural Program Head, Ducks Unlimited Canada

5:30 – 5:40 Warren Bell, Conference summary by Dr. Warren Bell and "Where do we go from here?"

5:40 – 6:15 Networking time (tables set up for dinner)

6:15 – 7:15 Shuswap Foods dinner by *Cookshack Creations*

7:15 – 7:30 Networking time (tables down and chairs set up)

7:30 – 8:30 Concert beginning with "A Song for the Shuswap" winners

8:30 – 8:45 Break (chairs moved to make room for dancing)

9 – 11 Dance to Old Man's Beard